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To: Koutoufidis, Nicholas

Subject: FW: Cleantech San Diego Letter in Support of Agenda Item 3, JVR Solar; PDS2018-MUP-20-008 (July 9, 2021

Planning Commission Hearing)

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Thank you,

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Subject: Cleantech San Diego Letter in Support of Agenda Item 3, JVR Solar; PDS2018-MUP-20-008 (July 9, 2021 Planning Commission Hearing)

Hi Ann

Please forward the attached letter in support of Agenda Item 3 to the Members of the Planning Commission in advance of tomorrow's hearing.

Much thanks, Jason

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RE: Support for the Jacumba Valley Ranch Energy Park – Agenda Item 3, JVR Solar; PDS2018-MUP-20-008

Dear Chairman Edwards and Members:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for BayWa r.e.'s Jacumba Valley Ranch Energy Park project (JVR). As a local renewable energy source, JVR is a critical piece of San Diego Community Power's renewable energy portfolio and an essential part of helping the region meet its economic and environmental goals.

Cleantech San Diego is a business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. Our members include more than 120 local businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community.

Once completed, JVR will also generate enough clean energy to power tens of thousands of homes. In addition, the project will create 350 quality jobs for San Diego County residents during its construction.

As a responsible renewable energy developer, BayWa r.e. has done its utmost to ensure the site is designed to protect the area's wildlife habitat and to reduce visual impacts for residents and tourists. In addition to providing substantial buffers from the town and Old Highway 80 as well as screening with landscaping, BayWa r.e. has also committed to making improvements for the Jacumba Community Park, and other investments that will help improve the quality of life for those who live in, work in, and visit Jacumba.

I urge you to support this important project and continue to support the development of local renewable energy projects in the San Diego region for the benefit of our economy and environment.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson President and CEO Cleantech San Diego